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Resistance Movements or Underground Organizations in Poland:

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1. ☐ existing large-scale underground organizations or resistance groups in Poland ☐
☐ no ☐ large-scale underground organizations or resistance groups in Poland which merit counter-action on a national (Ministerial) level. ☐ MBP (Ministry of Public Security) Department III ☐ 50X1-HUM
is engaged in counter-action against independent underground organizations which do not extend beyond the territorial limits of a given province. These independent units do not appear to be coordinated into one body as was the 1939-45 AK (Home Army), but are decentralized units.
2. ☐ resistance capabilities to the present regime ☐ 50X1-HUM
☐ resistance to the present regime can only be carried out in the form of intelligence gathering. Any attempt to engage in propaganda distribution, sabotage, and open resistance is doomed to failure.
3. ☐

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4. [] effect [] the 17 June uprisings in East Germany have on resistance movements and underground organizations in Poland [] 50X1-HUM
- The 17 June uprisings in East Germany impressed the Polish people tremendously even though the regime's reports distorted the actual situation.
- [] This uprising was a shock to the Polish people and it made them realize that Soviet Russia couldn't control its satellites.
5. [] General Anders [] in the present regime's counter-revolutionary planning [] 50X1-HUM
- General Anders is considered in the present regime's counter-revolutionary planning, but [] not [] a significant factor in such planning. [] the West over-emphasizes the importance of emigre figures like Anders. [] 50X1-HUM
6. [] resistance elements within the PZPR (Polish United Workers' Party). 50X1-HUM
- [] prior to the Gomulka arrest, there was a possibility for resistance within the PZPR along the lines of nationalism. At present resistance within the PZPR could only be accomplished along lines of economic policy and planning. 50X1-HUM

Documentation:

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7. [] personal documentation in Poland. []
- In special situations a PZPR document could be used in lieu of a Dowod Osobisty, but a PZPR document as such is not a legal identification document. [] in the urban areas about 60 to 70 percent of the population has received the Dowod Osobisty. The issuance of the Dowod Osobisty has been slower in the rural areas and [] only 50 percent of the rural population has received the Dowod Osobisty. The Dowod Osobisty has not become an obligatory document to date and the Karta Meldunkowa is still a legal means of establishing a person's identity. 50X1-HUM
8. [] permission to travel to foreign countries, and [] the procedures and documentation involved [] 50X1-HUM
- [] only official representatives of the Polish Government receive permission to travel to foreign countries. These officials travel in the line of duty and are closely checked and controlled. [] most official representatives of the Polish Government travel in conjunction with problems of the Polish trade missions. The ministry concerned with an individual's travel takes care of all documentation and most officials are not aware of the procedure which surrounds the issuance of travel documents. 50X1-HUM

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9. [redacted] the new Dowod Osobisty [redacted]
[redacted]
The issuance of the Dowod Osobisty has not created any new security prob- 50X1-HUM
lems for the MBP. [redacted] no [redacted] instances where the Dowod 50X1-HUM
Osobisty was forged within Poland. [redacted] no [redacted] instances 50X1-HUM
where forged Dowod Osobistys had originated in the West.

10. [redacted] documents [redacted] required to obtain housing [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] apartments can be purchased in most large cities in 50X1-HUM
Poland without any papers. There are 20 to 30 ads daily in the large news-
papers which advertise apartments for rent or sale. In order to receive
an apartment through official channels the individual must be assigned
quarters by his place of employment. 50X1-HUM

11. [redacted] documents [redacted] required to obtain employment [redacted] 50X1-HUM
A Karta Meldunkowa and a certification from the last place of employment are
the only documents which are required in order to gain employment. The cer-
tification from the last place of employment must state the reason why the
individual left the last job. [redacted] the Dowod Osobisty will
eventually replace the Karta Meldunkowa. 50X1-HUM

12. [redacted] documents [redacted] required to move freely throughout cities and the state [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] if an individual is in possession of a Karta Meldunkowa
which is substantiated by an identification card from the place of employ-
ment he can travel freely throughout all of Poland.

Economy:

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13. [redacted] living costs for the average traveler [redacted] 50X1-HUM
The normal traveler in Poland requires 100 zloty per day to cover his living
expenses. This is substantiated by the following breakdown:

Lodging	40.00 zl. per night
Breakfast	9.00 to 12.00 zl.
Lunch	9.00 to 12.00 zl.
Dinner	12.00 to 14.00 zl.
Misc.	25.00 zl.

14. [redacted] socialized medicine [redacted] 50X1-HUM
There are doctors in Poland who have private practices, but most doctors are
employed in cooperative clinics which are run by the trade unions. This
system is one of social medicine.

15. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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16.

17.

rationing

There is no ration card system in effect in Poland.

18.

the most sought after items on the existing "black market" 50X1-HUM

The most sought after items on the black market are West European clothes. American dollars are difficult to exchange for zloty in the black market, but that gold items such as rings and watches can be readily converted to cash.

The Party's (PZPR) Role in Military Affairs:

21.

The Party (PZPR) is linked to the military by the Special Section (Sektor Specjalny). The Special Section is located in the Party's Central Committee and it is concerned with selecting the cadre for the Army, the MBP, and the militia (KBW and WOP).

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The political officers (politruks) in the Army are linked to the Party through the political apparatus of the Party's Central Committee.

Controls:

23.

censorship of postal and electrical communications, internal and external

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all mail from the West or going to the West is sent to Warsaw for censorship. This censorship consists of spot checking letters

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and then having these letters read by a censor. Suspicious letters are photocopied and forwarded to the interested department of the MBP for study and possible exploitation. [REDACTED] normal telegram communica- 50X1-HUM
tions are not censored. There is a censorship of telephones [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

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